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Construction of a bridge across Musukundanadi under the Central Road Fund Programme.

* 383 *Q.*—Sri K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the South Arcot District Board requested financial aid from the Central Road Fund for the construction of a bridge across Musukundanadi in Sankarapuram-Mungilturaippattu road; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands at present?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The question of taking up the work under the Central Road Fund programme is under the consideration of the Government."

Digging of wells in Melapattam village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 384 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to dig wells for the use of Harijans in Melapattam village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when they will be completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The construction of a well under the Rural Water Supply Scheme, in Chooliyode desam of Melpattam amsam of Chirakkal taluk for the use of the public including Harijans has been sanctioned by the Collector of Malabar at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,330.

" (*b*) The first part of the work is expected to be completed by the 31st March 1954 and the second part will be taken up immediately after the rains this year."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Have the Government considered the request from the Harijans of Melapattam and Adicheri desams to the effect that they are suffering a lot for want of a well in their place and if so, what action have the Government taken to help them in their suffering? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, that is the reason why a well is under construction."

* 385 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" All right. It will be taken up tomorrow."

Allegations against the Police regarding intimidation of workers of the Pulikar Mills in Tiruchengode, Salem.

* 386 *Q.*—Sri T. S. ARDHANARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether

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the Government have received any complaint that the Police are entering the premises of Pulikar Mills in Tiruchengode taluk, Salem district and intimidating the workers to scare them away from their trade union activities?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have not received any complaint, Sir, though the Collector of Salem received one. The Collector caused an enquiry into the matter and found that the allegations against the police were untrue."

Prohibition offences.

* 387 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the number of persons arrested in the City of Madras in the year 1952–53 and till the end of the year 1953 for Prohibition offences?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :— " 11,162, Sir."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" May I know from which particular area of the City, the number of arrests was greater and whether females formed a greater percentage of them? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" I do not have the specific numbers. I do not also have information now as to whether women or men formed a greater percentage of the arrests. If time is given, I shall furnish the information that the hon. Member wants."

Destruction of horses in the King Institute, Madras.

* 388 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many horses were shot dead by the authorities of the King Institute in the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 in their branch stables in Vepery and Fort St. George; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) During 1951–52 *three* horses were destroyed and during 1952–53 *eleven* were destroyed.

" (*b*) They were destroyed on account of old age and poor response to immunization, and in two cases on account of broken limbs due to accidental fall in the stable."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" Why should the Government shoot these animals? Why have they not sent them to the Pinjarapole? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are not shot. It is the usual practice in all serum laboratories of the world to bleed horses to death when they show a fall in the anti-toxin level in the blood."